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SUBJECT: MSAC: WORK PROGRAM ON ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE
ECONOMY

REF: A) STATE 89588; B) USOECD 7827

1. SUMMARY: GASS RESPONSE TO US PROPOSALS REF A POSITIVE AND MISSION WILL FORWARD TEXT TO SECRETARIAT TODAY WITH REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION BY SPECIAL WORKING PARTY OF MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MAY 14 AND FOR TRANSMITTAL AS INSTRUCTED REF A. MISSION BELIEVES EXPERT MEMBERS OF AD-HOC WORKING PARTY ON ROLE OF WOMEN IN ECONOMY (AUTHORIZED AT LAST MSAC MEETING, REF B) TOGETHER WITH SECRETARIAT AND CONSULTANTS, CAN DO WORK ON STATISTICS AND CHILD CARE PROPOSED BY US. END SUMMARY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO INFORMAL PRESENTATION OF US PROPOSALS IN REF A GASS SAID BOTH SUBSTANCE AND TIME-TABLE WERE ACCEPTABLE. HE POINTED OUT SECRETARIAT WORK ON CHILD
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CARE ALREADY ADVANCED AND SAID HE INTENDS TO ASK OECD

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN WORK ON STATISTICS. IN ADDITION, A CONSULTANT HAS BEGUN SURVEY OF STATISTICS AVAILABLE FROM OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. GASS SAID HE WOULD SHORTLY ASK MEMBER COUNTRIES TO NOMINATE EXPERTS TO AD-HOC WORKING PARTY ON ROLE OF WOMEN IN ECONOMY (PARA 3 B REF B) AND THAT REPORTS BY THIS GROUP AND SECRETARIAT WOULD BE READY THIS FALL. THUS IF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVES STANDING WORKING PARTY IT COULD REVIEW REPORTS AT ITS FIRST MEETING AT END OF YEAR. EVEN IF STANDING WP NOT AUTHORIZED THIS YEAR, ONE-YEAR LIFE SPAN OF PRESENT AD-HOC WORKING PARTY WOULD ASSURE THAT WORK WOULD GO ON.

3. GASS SAID HE HOPED WORK ON WOMEN WOULD NOT ALWAYS BE LIMITED TO "NARROW TOPICS" LIKE CHILD CARE BUT THAT SPECIFIC PROJECTS WOULD BE DONE UNDER BROADER THEME OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY. SPECIFICALLY, GASS WOULD LIKE WORK ON "FLEXIBILITY OF WORKING LIFE" AND RECURRENT EDUCATION TO FOCUS ON PROBLEMS OF WOMEN. TO UNDERLINE HIS DESIRE TO EXPAND AND ACCELERATE WORK ON WOMEN GASS SAID HE WOULD REQUEST ONE NEW STAFF POSITION FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS SECTION NEXT YEAR AND SAID HE EXPECTED US SUPPORT.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE GASS UNDERSTANDS AND IS SYMPATHETIC TO US PROPOSAL FOR 1974 (REF A). IT IS LIKELY GASS WILL INTRODUCE IDEAS IN PARA 3 ABOVE AT MEETING OF MSAC SPECIAL WP AND US REP MIGHT BEAR IN MIND DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GASS APPROACH TO 1975 PROGRAM AND US SUGGESTIONS IN LAST SENTENCE PARA 2 REF A.
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